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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment and remarks be considered. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is filed concurrently herewith. Applicants hereby petition for three months extension of time to respond and has enclosed a check for the extension fee.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on December 22, 2005 (Date of Deposit) (Signature) December 22, 2005 (Signature)